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EarthShare North Carolina Holds Corporate Forums

**Durham, NC** – On September 24<sup>th</sup>, EarthShare NC held a corporate forum on Business Competitiveness and a Thriving NC. The forum was the second in a first-of-its-kind series of meetings bringing together select business and nonprofit leaders from our state to discuss what is important to us all: that North Carolina remain a thriving place to live and work.

The forum was held at Proximity Hotel in Greensboro, NC. Dennis Quaintance, CEO and Chief Design Officer for Quaintance-Weaver Restaurants & Hotels, was the keynote speaker. Panelists, including Brian Buzby, Executive Director of NC Conservation Network, Daniel Meyer, Associate Manager at Accenture, and David Craft, CEO of Craft Insurance Company, spoke on Business and Conservation Partnerships. Kent Price, SE Regional Lead in Human Resources for AIG, facilitated the meeting.

Heather Beard, Executive Director of EarthShare North Carolina, presented opportunities for businesses to partner with nonprofit organizations working for the health of our air, land, water and wildlife.

Proximity Hotel, SciMed Solutions, and NetFriends sponsored the event.

The first forum was held August 25<sup>th</sup> at SAS Headquarters in Cary with keynote speakers Jerry Williams, Director of Sustainability at SAS, and Michael Goodmon, VP of Real Estate at Capitol Broadcasting.

*ESNC was founded in 1991 to strengthen conservation work in North Carolina. Over this time, thousands of employees have learned about and taken part in programs to preserve our natural heritage, and pledged over \$8.5 million to the cause.*